

From: TJimKay@cs.com@inetgw
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/10/02 10:10am
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

James J. Trageser
181 Sheldon Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

January 10, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft,

The intention of this letter is so that I may go on record as being a supporter of the proposed settlement that the Microsoft Corporation and the Department of Justice arrived at last November. The settlement brings an end to the three-year-old antitrust dispute that was costing both Microsoft and the federal government millions of dollars in court costs.

I'm sure that Microsoft actually had to concede more than they would have liked in the settlement. In fact, the settlement places restrictions and obligations on technologies and products of Microsoft that were not even mentioned in the lawsuit at the beginning. I wouldn't be surprised if some of the technology mentioned in the settlement hadn't even existed when the lawsuit was started! However, the IT industry will benefit from this settlement and so will the economy. It will generate competition by letting Microsoft's competitors in on trade secrets such as software codes that help programs run better on Windows, making their software run more effectively.

I am pleased to see that the federal government and Microsoft could agree to terms, and I support the settlement that was reached. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James J. Trageser

CC: Senator Rick Santorum

MTC-00009888_0002

January 10, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing concerning the settlement negotiated between Microsoft and the Justice Department. After three long years of litigation, this settlement represents an opportunity to move forward. The entire IT sector is ready to move on and get back to business, but it seems that there are those who still want to hold up the process.

This settlement is very strong and requires Microsoft to make many changes. For example, Microsoft will be required to disclose information concerning certain internal interfaces in Windows. Microsoft's competitors will also be free to sue Microsoft if they feel the company is not complying with the agreement. Beyond that, Microsoft has agreed to be monitored throughout the entire process to ensure that they are following proper procedure.

The concessions that Microsoft has made speak volumes to the fact that they want to help the IT sector get back to business. Let us help support the agreement by letting the terms speak for themselves.

Let us help not only our technology industry, but all industries which utilize technology such as insurance and finance, move forward and help get our economy back on track.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Sherman, CPCU, ARe
Senior Vice President

cc: Senator Rick Santorum

MTC-00009880_0003

Guy Carpe